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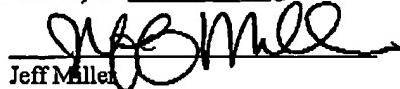
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Applicant encloses herewith for filing in connection with the above-referenced patent application the following documents:

1. AMENDMENT "B" for filing in response to Office Action of February 24, 2005.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	25	45	0	\$100.00 =	\$0.00
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Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT B

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are provide on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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